

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A tape feed for a postage meter which uses the envelope
5 transport system of the postage meter to feed a tape from
a tape receptacle into the path of the envelope feed
system. The tape receptacle is pivotally mounted
adjacent one of the belts of the envelope transport
system. A solenoid is connected to the tape receptacle
10 through a cam pin and cam slot arrangement for providing
the pivotal movement. When the solenoid is energized, the
tape receptacle is pivoted into a position wherein the
belt extends into a slot in the receptacle and grips a
tape to discharge a tape from the receptacle and feed it
15 into the envelope transport system. When the solenoid is
de-energized, the solenoid pivots the receptacle into a
position wherein the tapes in the receptacle are out of
contact with the belt. A sensor is provided to de-
energize the solenoid when the belt moves the leading
20 edge of the tape into gripping relationship by the
envelope transport system.